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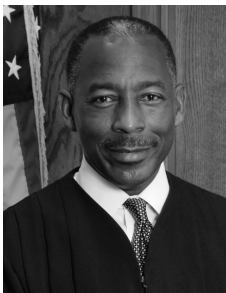
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DONALD W. “DON” BEATTY, Chief Justice, of Spartanburg. Term expires July 31, 2024. Address: P.O. Box 3543, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-3450, Fax (864) 596-2202



BEATTY, Donald W. “Don” (Spartanburg Co.)—*g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Officer, USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW Construction Project; current mem., Sentencing Reform Comm.; House of

Reps., 1991–95; past mem., Med., Mil., Public and Municipal Affairs Com.; served as VC and Chm.-elect of the S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Seventh Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Com.; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Com. to Review S.C. Drug and Common Laws; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill unexpired term of E.C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007; re-elected Feb. 3, 2010; elected Chief Justice May 25, 2016, to fulfill unexpired term of Costa M. Pleicones, upon his retirement; assuming seat January 1, 2017.

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JOHN WILLIAMSON KITTREDGE, Associate Justice, Seat 3, of Greenville. Term expires July 31, 2028. Home Address: 305 East North St., Suite 216, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8593

KITTREDGE, John Williamson (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; *s.* the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and Marian J. Kittredge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay, 1 grandson; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe; past Pres., Crime-stoppers of Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov.'s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation; past mem., S.C. Jt. Legis. Com. on Children; Gov.'s Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1995–98; First Presbyterian Church; Chm., Chief Justices Comm. on the Profession, 2008–; Natl. CALEA Comr., 2014–17; elected Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 8, 1991 and served continuously until elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 14, 1996; qualified May 3, 1996; served continuously until elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit May 6, 1998; qualified June 9, 1998, served continuously until elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 28, 2003–08, served continuously until elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 3, Feb. 6, 2008; qualified May 14, 2008, serving continuously since.



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FEW, John Cannon (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Apr. 9, 1963 in Anderson; *s.* J. Kendall and Belva Beasley Few; *g.* Duke Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988; 3 children, Reed, Anna, and Cannon; Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 2000–10; Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, 2010–16; elected to Supreme Court, Feb. 3, 2016.



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**GEORGE C. “BUCK” JAMES, JR., Associate
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JAMES, George C. “Buck”, Jr. (Sumter Co.)—*b.* June 2, 1960 in Savannah, Ga.; *s.* the late George C. James and Ren F. James; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; *m.* Mar. 22, 1986, 2 children; private practice, firm of Richardson, James & Player, 1985–00; Partner, firm of Lee, Erter, Wilson, James, Holler & Smith, LLC, 2000–06; admitted to practice in S.C. and U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; Wilson Hall School, Bd. of Trustees, 1998–06; former Dixie Youth baseball coach; former YMCA youth basketball coach; mem.: S.C. Bar; Sumter Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn.; Defense Research Inst.; Matthew J. Perry Civility Award, 2009; mem., Trinity United Methodist Church; Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006–17; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 5, Feb. 1, 2017 to succeed Donald W. Beatty, elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



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