Who: The Judicial Council is composed of the following:

- the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina or some other member of the court designated by him;
- two circuit court judges of the State*
- two family court judges of the State*
- two probate judges of the State*
- the Attorney General or one of the Assistant Attorneys General or one of the circuit solicitors*
- the Dean or a member of the faculty of the Law School of the University of South Carolina*
- the President of the South Carolina Bar;
- the Lieutenant Governor or his designee;
- the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;
- the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee or his designee;
- the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee or his designee;
- the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee or his designee;
- the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee or his designee;
- the Director of the Legislative Council;
- six other members, of whom at least four must be members of the bar of this State*
- two judges of the magistrates' courts*
- two masters-in-equity *

* Appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of SC

Terms:

- If he designates no other member of the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice serves during his term of office. If the Chief Justice designates some other member of the court, the other member serves during his term of office.
- The Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House or their designees, and the chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Judiciary Committee, and House Judiciary Committee or their designees serve during their respective terms as those officers.
- The President of the South Carolina Bar serves during his term of office.
- The member of the legal department of the State (Attorney General, one of the Assistant Attorneys General, or one of the circuit solicitors) serves for a period of four years*
- The Dean or member of the faculty of the Law School of the University of South Carolina serves for a period of four years*
• The two circuit judges serve for a period of four years each*
• The two family court judges serve for a period of four years each*
• The two judges of the probate courts serve for a period of four years each*
• The Director of the Legislative Council serves during his term of office.
• The two judges of the magistrates' courts serve for a period of four years each*
• The two masters-in-equity serve for a period of four years each*
• Three of the remaining six members of the Judicial Council must be appointed for terms of four years each.

*These members cease to be members of the Judicial Council before the expiration of their respective terms if they cease to hold the official positions entitling them to membership on the Judicial Council.

Kay G. Hearn, Chief Judge, SC Court of Appeals (2004) Conway
James W. Johnson, Jr., Circuit Judge (2006) Laurens
R. Markley Dennis, Circuit Judge (2005) Moncks Corner
John M. Rucker, Family Court Judge (2005) Newberry
Marion D. Myers, Family Court Judge (2005) Sumter
Debora A. Faulkner, Probate Judge (2005) Greenville
Clyde N. Davis, Jr., Master-in-Equity (2005) Lexington
Ellis B. Drew, Jr., Master-in-Equity (2005) Anderson
Richard H. Seaman, Prof. at USC Law school (2004) Columbia
Donald V. Myers, Solicitor (2006) Lexington

Ex Officio
Stephen T. Draffin, Code Comr. and Dir., Legis. Council Columbia
Elizabeth Van Doren Gray, Pres., SC Bar Columbia
Alfred B. Robinson, Jr., Designee of Chm., House Ways & Means Com. Easley
David H. Wilkins, Speaker of the House Greenville
Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Chm., Sen. Fin. Com. Forence
James H. Harrison, Chm., House Jud. Com. Columbia
Jean Hoefer Toal, Chief Justice, SC Supreme Court Columbia

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