

QUEST FOR A MORE DIVERSE JUDICIARY

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The League of Women Voters invites you to a free forum addressing the importance of an independent and diverse judiciary in South Carolina. We will examine the impact that the judicial selection process has on reaching that goal. Two units, including .5 on Ethics, of Continuing Legal Education credits are offered to attorneys.

LOCATION: Coastal Carolina University, Wall Auditorium

DATE: May 16, 2011

REGISTRATION: 3:30 PM

FORUM: 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Our Keynote Speakers and Panelists will address the following questions:

- Why does judicial independence and diversity matter?
- What does a fair and balanced judiciary look like?
- How does the current South Carolina system compare with this model?
- How can we achieve this vision of a fair and balanced judiciary?
- What are the duties of attorneys and the South Carolina Assembly to the judicial system, the public, clients and other attorneys?

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

JUSTICE KAYE HEARN, South Carolina Supreme Court

COUNSEL LEE COGGIOLA, South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Disciplinary Counsel

PANEL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

Representative George Hearn, South Carolina House of Representatives District 105

Solicitor Ernest A. Finney, III, South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit

Judge Jennifer Wilson, Myrtle Beach Municipal Court

Attorney Natasha Hanna, member of Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications

The League of Women Voters continues to work to promote the importance of fair and impartial courts nationwide. This Forum is part of the South Carolina League's yearlong, statewide **Judicial Independence and Diversity Initiative** to enhance the legitimacy of our system of justice in the eyes of an increasingly diverse population.

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