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Governor Musgrove Appoints Court of Appeals Judge and Chancery Court Judge

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed William H. “Bill” Myers as the Court of Appeals Judge for Congressional District 5, Post 1, for the term of office commencing June 5, 2000 and ending January 2003. Myers is filling the unexpired term of Oliver E. Diaz, Jr., who Governor Musgrove appointed as Supreme Court Justice for the State of Mississippi.

Myers is a resident of Pascagoula, Mississippi where he practiced law for 23 years before being appointed as Chancery Judge for the Sixteenth Chancery Court District. He received his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law, and served in the United States Army, where he received the Army Commendation Medal.

He has served as a Chancery Court Judge since 1992, and as Secretary and Vice-Chairman of the Chancery Judges. He is also a State Representative of the National College of Probate Judges and has represented the Chancery Judges of the State of Mississippi at the 1993 National Dispute Symposium.

Myers is active in his community serving as a Board Member and President of the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA, was named outstanding citizen of Ocean Springs in 1981 and is a member of both the American Legion and the Masons.

Governor Musgrove has appointed Albert B. Smith, III as the Circuit Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District for the term of office commencing June 5, 2000 and ending January 2003. Smith is filling the unexpired term of John L. Hatcher, who died on April 10, 2000.

Smith is a resident of Cleveland and has been Prosecuting Attorney of Bolivar County for the past 11 ½ years. He received his legal education at Mississippi College School of Law and since 1989 he has been in private practice in Cleveland.

He is licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of Mississippi; The United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi; The Fifth Circuit

Court of Appeals and, all County, Circuit and Chancery Courts in the State of Mississippi.

Smith is a member of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland and is actively involved in the Cleveland/Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce, Delta State Booster Club and the Exchange Club of Cleveland.

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