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FOR

PROBATE JUDGE



I'm Jamie Saxon, an Upcountry native, born and raised in Williamston, and a proud product of our public schools. I have been an attorney for 30 years and a college administrator before law school. After several years in private practice and public service, I was appointed Associate Probate Judge of Anderson County in 2018 by the Honorable Martha D. Newton, the longest-serving probate judge in South Carolina and the longest-serving elected official in Anderson County.

After Palmetto High School, I earned my bachelor's degree from Furman University, and my first job after graduation was at Anderson College. After two years at AC, I went to the University of South Carolina and earned my master's degree in college administration. From there, I was the youngest Assistant Dean in the then-110-year history of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, after which I went to law school at the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Much of my legal career has been in public service, including eleven years as a hearing officer with the Employment Security Commission and six years with La-

bor, Licensing, and Regulation; I'm also a licensed SC Mediator. After marriage and raising two step-children, I returned to the Upcountry and hope never to leave.

I have years of training and experience writing and interpreting probate documents, conducting hearings in our court for estates, mental health, settlements, conservatorships, guardianships, and drafting the required orders following each hearing. I am devoted to every aspect of the court and its mission. I am an active member of the Probate Judges Association, the Anderson County Bar Association, the South Carolina Bar Association; I am a member of the Greater Anderson Rotary Club; a Richard W. Riley Fellow of Furman University; co-chair of the Class of 1983 Reunions; and I am active in my church. I also write essays for the quarterly magazine *Southern Edge: A Modern Approach to Southern Living*.

Probate Court is the one court certain to impact every person in Anderson County. From interpreting Last Wills and Testaments, Powers of Attorney, Trusts, Health Care Powers of Attorney, and mental health documents, to conducting estate hearings each day and up to ten or more mental health hearings each week, I have enjoyed the blessing of helping the people of our county in some of the most difficult times of their lives. I continue a vision for the court of compassion, sympathy, kindness, professionalism, and, equally important, experience and competence. I also have had the good fortune of developing excellent working relationships with the lawyers and medical providers in the county, and work with the best staff members one could imagine.

As our county continues to grow at an amazingly fast pace, with more people, more businesses, and larger property values, the days when a non-lawyer might do the job of a probate judge are long behind us, and my opponent is not a lawyer. In fact, many probate cases have larger amounts at issue than those in circuit court, and only an attorney has the qualifications, education, and experience to deal with them, which is why Judge Newton hired me.

I hope you value training, education, experience, dedication, and continuity as much as I, because Anderson County cannot afford to wait years for someone else to learn the job. I will serve immediately and as humbly and carefully as I have for almost four years, continuing to ensure our county's citizens receive the best service.

I ask for your vote during early voting, or Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in the Republican primary.

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