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**Subject:** FW: Magistrate Appointments

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My response was stuck in my outgoing mail. Here is what I intended to send earlier this week. In light of his recent email, I would defer to Press and Legal.

Let me know what else you need from me.  
-Katie

Mr. Clyde,

In response to your questions:

1. The candidate completes the Governor's office application for magistrates and pulls a background and credit check from SLED. In addition, the candidate must pass an examination and the test results are transmitted to the Governor's Office by SC Court Administration.
2. The tests are normally administered at a Technical College and the results are given to the South Carolina Court Administration
3. SC Court Administration oversees the Magistrates
4. The method for selecting magistrates is set in statute, therefore the Governor's office selects candidates in compliance with the statute.
5. Changes to the system would require legislative action.

Thanks

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**From:** info@thebobbyclydeshow.com [mailto:info@thebobbyclydeshow.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:07 PM  
**To:** Philpott, Katie  
**Subject:** FW: Magistrate Appointments

Ms. Philpott,

Since I have not heard from you I thought I should send this again in case you failed to receive it the first time. Please let me know if you have any questions, and thanks!

Bobby

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**From:** info@thebobbyclydeshow.com [mailto:info@thebobbyclydeshow.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'Philpott, Katie'

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Subject: RE: Magistrate Appointments

Ms Philpott,

This might be a better/easier way to communicate. Here are a few questions for you to consider:

- 1) Related to the appointment of magistrates, after the senate submits a name, what, if any research does the governor's office do on the candidate?
- 2) Each candidate takes a "test" to give an indication of their aptitude. Who created the test and who administers it?
- 3) Who has oversight of the magistrates?
- 4) What is the Governor's opinion of the current method of selecting of magistrates?
- 5) What, if any changes would the Governor make to the system?

This is the sort of information I am interested in, and depending on the answers I may have one or two additional questions.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Bobby

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From: Philpott, Katie [<mailto:KatiePhilpott@gov.sc.gov>]  
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I'm free from now until 9:30 if that works for you.

Thanks,

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To: Philpott, Katie  
Subject: RE: Magistrate Appointments

Ms. Philpott,

That's great to hear. I have a pretty flexible schedule so to make it work best for you if you tell me a good time, I will call then. Thanks!

Bobby

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From: Philpott, Katie [<mailto:KatiePhilpott@gov.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 8:43 AM  
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Subject: Magistrate Appointments

Mr. Clyde,

I am happy to discuss the Magistrate appointment process with you at your earliest convenience. Please call my cell phone whenever is best for you.

Kindest regards,

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