

South Carolina Commission on Ethics Reform members include:

**Co-Chairman Henry McMaster** served as South Carolina's attorney general from 2003 until 2011 and was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve as United States Attorney in 1981. As U.S. Attorney, McMaster launched "Operation Jackpot", the interdisciplinary financial investigation into international drug smuggling, producing over 100 convictions. As attorney general, McMaster persuaded the General Assembly to grant the State Grand Jury authority to investigate and prosecute white-collar environmental crimes. When Carolina Investors and Home Gold collapsed in 2003, costing 8,000 investors over \$278 million in savings, he persuaded the General Assembly to extend the State Grand Jury's jurisdiction to securities crimes, producing convictions of the six executives responsible. McMaster serves on the State Ports Authority.

**Co-Chairman Travis Medlock** served as South Carolina's attorney general from 1983 until 1995. As attorney general, Medlock initiated the creation of and organized the South Carolina State Grand Jury System. Previously, he served in the State Senate and the State House of Representatives, where he spearheaded creation of the first legislative ethics committee. Medlock practices law at McGowan, Hood & Felder, LLC.

**Bill Rogers** is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Press Association. He previously worked at three higher education institutions, including the University of South Carolina, and worked at four different media outlets, including serving as Editor and General Manager of The White Sulphur Springs Star.

**John Simmons** served as U.S. Attorney for South Carolina from 1992 until 1993. He also served as the Chief of the State Grand Jury in the South Carolina attorney general's Office from 1995 until 1996 and as a member of the State Ethics Commission from 1993 until 1995. Simmons currently practices law at the Simmons Law Firm, LLC.

**Susi McWilliams** served as Chairwoman of the South Carolina Ethics Commission from 2009 until 2010. She also served as an ethics commissioner from 2005 until 2008 and is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. McWilliams practices law as a member at Nexsen Pruet.

**Ben Hagood** served as a member of the State House of Representatives from 2002 until 2008, where he served on the Judiciary Committee and chaired the Special Laws Subcommittee. He served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1990 until 1997 and as a Judge Advocate in the United State Marine Corps. Hagood practices law at Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.

**Charles Bierbauer** has served as Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies at the University of South Carolina since it was created in 2002. From 1981 until 2001, Bierbauer was a correspondent for CNN in Washington. In 1997, he won an Emmy for anchoring CNN coverage of the 1996 Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta. He is also a recipient of the ACE Award from the Association for Cable Excellence and the Overseas Press Club Award for reporting of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

**F. Xavier Starkes** served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for South Carolina from 1992 until 1993. He serves on the Richland/Lexington Airport Commission and on the South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct, and has previously served on the Citadel Board of Visitors. Starkes currently practices law at the Starkes Law Firm, LLC.

**C. Kelly Jackson** served as Solicitor for the Third Judicial Circuit from 1999 until 2010. He previously served as assistant solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit from 1991 until 1993 and for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit from 1993 until 1998. Jackson served 23 years in the United State Army and Army National Guard, attaining the rank of Major. Jackson practices law in Columbia. *(Appointed by Attorney General Alan Wilson's Public Integrity Unit)*

**Monica Key** works as the Community Relations Manager and a Senior Human Resources Representative at Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations. Key serves on the board of directors for The First Tee of Aiken and Graniteville Community Investment Corporation. She is the current Chairman of Public Education Partners and the Past Chair of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce. *(Appointed by House Ethics Chairman Roland Smith)*

Senate Ethics Chairman Wes Hayes will also make an appointment.