

The Honorable J. Michelle Childs



The Honorable J. Michelle Childs was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in August 2010. She holds a B.S. in Management from the University of South Florida Honors College, a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law, a Masters in Personnel and Employment Relations from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business, and a Masters of Judicial Studies from Duke University School of Law.

Prior to the federal court, she served as an At-Large Circuit Court Judge, including having responsibilities as the Chief Administrative Judge for General Sessions and Business Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Richland and Kershaw Counties. Judge Childs also had the distinct honor of gubernatorial appointments as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner (2002-06) and as the Deputy Director for the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of Labor (2000-02), overseeing programs for Wages and Child Labor, OSHA, OSHA Voluntary Programs, Elevators and Amusement Rides, Migrant Labor, and Labor-Management Mediation. Judge Childs was formerly a partner with the law firm of Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLP, in Columbia, South Carolina, where she practiced in the areas of employment and labor law and general litigation. Judge Childs is very active with various local, state and national bar organizations, as well as community organizations. She is a member of the American Law Institute and served as an Advisor to the Restatement (Third) of Employment Law, the Chair of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division, and a member of the Council of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, and the Secretary of the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section.

She has, as a practicing lawyer and as a judge, lectured and served frequently on panels for topics regarding litigation and trial techniques, courtroom practices and procedures, discovery, expert witnesses, evidence, and various topics for new lawyers.