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Charleston attorney Wetmore is candidate for judgeship

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The Charleston area has an opportunity to pick up another resident state circuit court judge this week.

Local attorney Sarah Wetmore is one of two candidates for an open at-large judgeship post, meaning it is a seat with no residency requirement.

The state Legislature holds its judge elections Wednesday in Columbia.

If Wetmore wins, she would become the second female from the Charleston region to be elected a circuit court judge in the past year. Last year, Berkeley County prosecutor Kristi Harrington was elected a Circuit Court judge for the 9th Circuit, covering Charleston and Berkeley counties.

Wetmore, 34, has most recently worked in civil defense case litigation, presently with the firm of Carlock, Copeland and Stair, in Charleston. Circuit judges hear a mix of criminal and civil cases.

Opposing her is William H. Seals Jr., 47, a municipal court judge in Marion and a private practitioner. The third candidate in the race withdrew.

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