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## *News Release*

**For Immediate Release**

**Charleston, South Carolina – August 26, 2014** – The Commission of Lawyer Conduct and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel have dismissed the complaints filed against Solicitor Scarlett Wilson by both a Columbia attorney (Desa Ballard) and a Myrtle Beach attorney (Bobby Frederick).

Solicitor Wilson issued the following statement:

“This dismissal is not a surprise to me because my office did not behave unethically. We have a great group of prosecutors who understand our mission: seeking justice through vigorous enforcement of the law in a reasonable, honest and efficient manner. Several things are important to remember about the claims. Most of them stem from cases that were handled long ago in Circuit Court. Most did not directly involve me. None of the judges who actually knew and experienced these cases—the judges who actually lived and presided over them-- has *ever* made a finding of prosecutorial misconduct. All of the claims were meritless and I appreciate the Commission’s and the ODC’s investigation, review and resulting affirmation. Finally, I am grateful for the outpouring of support from friends, colleagues and constituents who saw this attack for what it was: a political smear.”

The dismissals come after an independent investigation by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and the Commission on Lawyer Conduct which consists of 50 members (34 South Carolina attorneys and 16 members of the general public).