

Tri-County SC Magistrate Court Call List

Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley Counties

Use this as a quick referral sheet for local magistrate courts, bond hearings, preliminary hearings, and small claims. Court hours and judge assignments can change. Always call before sending someone in person, especially for bond court, after-hours matters, evictions, restraining orders, or time-sensitive filings.

Good call script: "I am helping someone in [county/city]. Can you confirm the correct magistrate court for [eviction / small claims / bond / traffic / warrant / restraining order / civil filing], your hours today, and whether they need an appointment or documents before coming in?"

Charleston County

Court / Office	Judge / Contact	Location	Phone	Hours	Use / Notes
Centralized Bond Hearing Court	Magistrates Amanda Haselden; Mercedes Smith	3831 Leeds Ave., Suite 200, North Charleston, SC 29405	843-746-9822	M-F 9 AM-10 PM; lunch 12-1:30; dinner 7-8; Sat-Sun 9 AM-2 PM	Bond hearings
Centralized Preliminary Hearing Court	Chief Magistrate JoAnna Summey-Hayes	3831 Leeds Ave., Suite 100, North Charleston, SC 29405	843-745-2390	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 1-2	Preliminary hearings
City of Charleston Magistrate Court	Magistrate Lauren Fox	101 Meeting St., 3rd Floor, Charleston, SC 29401	843-724-6719	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM	Magistrate matters in Charleston area
East Cooper Magistrate Court	Magistrate Mary Paige Adams	1189 Sweetgrass Basket Pkwy., Suite 300, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	843-856-1205	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 12-1	East Cooper/Mt. Pleasant area
James Island Magistrate Court	Magistrate W. Stephen Harris, Jr.	615 Riverland Dr., Charleston, SC 29412	843-795-1140	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 12:30-1:30	James Island area
McClellanville Magistrate Court	Magistrate Patrick Smith	10009 Highway 17 North, McClellanville, SC 29458	843-887-3334	Monday & Thursday 9 AM-4 PM; lunch 12-1	McClellanville area
North Area Magistrate Court 1	Magistrate Amy J. Mikell	4045 Bridge View Dr., Suite B-125, North Charleston, SC 29405	843-202-6610	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM	North Area matters
North Area Magistrate Court 2	Magistrates William H. Nixon; Thomas O. Sanders	2145 Melbourne Ave., Suite 100, North Charleston, SC 29405	843-745-2215	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 1-2	North Area matters
North Area Magistrate Court 3	Magistrate Richardine Singleton-Brown	6185 Rivers Ave., Suite E, North Charleston, SC 29405	843-553-4003	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 12-1	North Area matters
North Area Small Claims Court	Magistrates Martelle Morrison; Nicole Paluzzi	4045 Bridge View Dr., North Charleston, SC 29405	843-202-6650	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM	Small claims
Ravenel/Adams Run Area Magistrate Court	Magistrates Martelle Morrison; Sheryl M. Perry	5962 Highway 165, Suite 200, Ravenel, SC 29470	843-889-8332	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 12:30-1:30	Ravenel/Adams Run area
City Small Claims Court	Associate Chief Magistrate Laura Beck; Tina Bowen, Summary Court Specialist	101 Meeting St., 3rd Floor, Charleston, SC 29401	843-724-6720	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM	Small claims
Small Claims Court, North Area	Magistrate listed as vacant	4045 Bridge View Dr., Suite B-146, North Charleston, SC 29405	843-202-6650	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM	Small claims

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Wadmalaw/Johns Island Magistrate Court	Magistrates Joy Stoney-Reid; Laura Waring	1527 Main Rd., Suite 100, Johns Island, SC 29455	843-559-1218	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 12:30-1:30	Wadmalaw/Johns Island area
West Ashley Area Magistrate Court	Magistrate Amy Rothschild	1720 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Unit 11, Charleston, SC 29407	843-766-6531	M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; lunch 1-2	West Ashley area

Dorchester County

Note: Dorchester County official page lists Summerville and St. George court office hours as 8:30 AM-5 PM. The statewide court directory may show slightly different contact details, so call to confirm before referral.

Court / Office	Judge / Contact	Location	Phone	Hours	Use / Notes
Summerville Magistrate	Office Manager: Carly Johnson; Front Desk: Juanita Jefferson	212 Deming Way, Box 10, Summerville, SC 29483	843-832-0370	M-F 8:30 AM-5 PM, excluding county/state holidays	Summerville area magistrate court
St. George Magistrate	Office Manager: Monica Johnson	5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd., St. George, SC 29477	843-563-0370	M-F 8:30 AM-5 PM, excluding county/state holidays	St. George area magistrate court
Dorchester County Bond Court	Call Summerville Magistrate for current bond court instructions	212 Deming Way, Box 10, Summerville, SC 29483	843-832-0370	Call to confirm bond hearing times	Bond court / after-arrest matters

Berkeley County

Note: Berkeley County lists main department hours as 9 AM-5 PM Monday-Friday. Some individual offices do not list separate hours online, so call before sending someone.

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Central Summary Court	Judges Whilden V. Baggett; Paula F. McElvogue	223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843-719-4050; Charleston 843-723-3800 ext. 4050	Dept. hours listed: M-F 9 AM-5 PM	Main summary/magistrate court
Goose Creek Magistrate's Office	Judges Rad S. Deaton; W. Daniel Wilson, Jr.; Debra K. Littlejohn	653 Red Bank Rd., Goose Creek, SC 29445	843-553-7080	Call to confirm; main dept hours M-F 9 AM-5 PM	Goose Creek/South Berkeley area
Moncks Corner Magistrate's Office	Magistrate office	223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843-719-4537	Call to confirm; main dept hours M-F 9 AM-5 PM	Moncks Corner area
St. Stephen Magistrate's Office	Judge Evonne J. Whaley	137 Hood Street, St. Stephen, SC 29479	843-567-7400	Call to confirm; main dept hours M-F 9 AM-5 PM	St. Stephen/North Berkeley area
Bond Court	Judges O'tis Prioleau; Martin Housand; Brian B. West	223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843-719-4593	M-F 9 AM, 2 PM, 6:30 PM; Sat-Sun 8 AM and 6:30 PM	Bond hearings
Preliminary Hearings	Preliminary hearing office	223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843-719-4535; Charleston 843-723-3800 ext. 4535	Call to confirm	Preliminary hearings

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Small Claims - North	Small claims office	223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843-719-4933; Charleston 843-723-3800 ext. 4933	Call to confirm	Small claims
Small Claims - South	Small claims office	653 Red Bank Rd., Goose Creek, SC 29445	843-553-6099	Call to confirm	Small claims

Quick Routing Notes

Court / Office	Judge / Contact	Location	Phone	Hours	Use / Notes
Small claims / civil disputes	Call the small claims court or area magistrate for the county where the defendant lives or where the issue occurred.				
Restraining orders for harassment/stalking/non-family abuse	Charleston County says restraining orders may be obtained from a Magistrates Court; call the court for the area where the offender lives. Domestic violence orders are usually Family Court, not magistrate.				
Eviction / landlord-tenant	Call the magistrate court in the county/area of the rental property. Ask about filing fees, service, forms, and court date timing.				
Bond hearing	Use the county bond court number. Do not send people to a regular office without confirming the bond hearing location and time.				
Traffic ticket	Call the court listed on the ticket. If the ticket is lost, use the county public index or call Summary Court Administration.				
Emergency danger	Call 911. Magistrate offices are not emergency response agencies.				

Sources checked

- Charleston County Magistrates/Summary Courts: charlestoncounty.gov/departments/magistrates-summary-courts/
- Dorchester County Magistrate Court: dorchestercountysc.gov/government/courts-judicial-services/magistrate-court
- Berkeley County Magistrate Locations and Judges: berkeleycountysc.gov/dept/magistrates/magistrate-contacts/
- South Carolina Judicial Branch Magistrate Court listing: sccourts.org/courts/trial-courts/magistrate-court/courts/