

April 12, 2011 -- Justice in South Carolina

Jennifer Howe, a Greenville, SC, attorney and a representative of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, presented a program on Judicial Selection.



Jennifer Howe and her husband

South Carolina has only five women among its 46 Circuit Court judges, and only 16 of the state's 186 judges are black.



Most SC judges are elected by state lawmakers after first having been found qualified by a 10-member Judicial Merit Selection Commission. This Commission, however, is

made up primarily of SC legislators. In short, a largely male Legislature elects mostly male judges.

