

**The Supreme Court of South Carolina**  
**CERTIFICATE**

This certificate is to be used to show completion of the trial experiences required by S.C. Code Ann. §22-1-16 (Supp. 2000) The text of this statute is printed on the back of this form. This Certificate must be submitted in **DUPLICATE** (the original and one copy) to the Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court, P.O. Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211. Except for the signatures, all entries must be printed or typed.

**FOUR CRIMINAL CASES, MAGISTRATE COURT**

1.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____
2.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____
3.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____
4.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____

**FOUR CIVIL CASES, MAGISTRATE COURT**

1.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____
2.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____
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	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____
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	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____

**ONE CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL, COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS**

1.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____

**ONE CIVIL JURY TRIAL, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

1.	Case _____	Date: _____	ATTEST: _____	
	County: _____	Name of Judge: _____		Signature of Judge _____

I hereby certify that I had been appointed a magistrate by the county senatorial delegation prior to observing the ten trials indicated above. I further certify that I have observed the above trials in accordance with the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §22-1-16 (Supp. 2000).

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIAL EXPERIENCES**

§ 22-1-16. Trial observation requirement for new magistrates who are not attorneys.

Text of section becomes effective July 1, 2001

(A) A magistrate whose initial appointment begins on or after July 1, 2001, and who is not an attorney licensed in this State at the time of his initial appointment may not try a case until a certificate is filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court stating that the magistrate has observed ten trials. The certificate must state the name of the proceeding, the dates and the tribunals involved, and must be attested to by the judge conducting the proceeding.

(B) The required trial experiences must include the following:

- (1) four criminal cases in a magistrates court, two of which must be in a magistrates court where he will not preside;
- (2) four civil cases in a magistrates court, two of which must be in a magistrates court where he will not preside;
- (3) one criminal jury trial in circuit court; and
- (4) one civil jury trial in circuit court.

(C) The trial observations may be undertaken and completed any time after a person has been nominated by the senatorial delegation for the position of magistrate.

HISTORY: Added by 2000 Act No. 226, § 6, eff July 1, 2001.

**Submitted by:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET OR P. O. BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE and ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_