

**15<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF VACANCIES AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (“JNC”) announces two vacancies: one vacancy for a Circuit Court Judge position created by the elevation of Judge Renatha Francis and one vacancy for a County Court Judge position created by the elevation of Judge Melanie Surber. The JNC has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for both vacancies by **Friday, October 7, 2022**.

**Qualifications of Applicants:**

Applicants must be able to fulfill the Constitutional qualifications for circuit court and county court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

**Instructions for Submission:**

- 1) The current Judicial Application form must be used and can be found at <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>. Applicants should ensure they are using the correct and current form.
- 2) Applications must be in .pdf form and submitted as follows: (i) one **original** copy of the application, including all attachments, (ii) one **redacted** copy of the application, including all attachments, excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes or other applicable public records law. The two .pdf files should be named in a “last name.first name” format. For example: Jane Smith should submit two files named: (1) Smith.Jane.pdf and (2) Smith.Jane-REDACTED.pdf. Each electronic application, including exhibits, must be a single pdf file. The Commission strongly prefers the submission of applications in a text-searchable (i.e., non-scanned) pdf format.
- 3) The deadline for submission of the completed application is **5:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2022**. Both the original and redacted electronic applications must be submitted by email to all Commission members at their email addresses below. Please state in your email whether you are applying for the Circuit Court Judge vacancy, the County Court Judge vacancy, or both vacancies.

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**It is anticipated that any interviews will be held the week of October 3, 2022.**

All JNC proceedings are open to the public, except for deliberations. Applications are not confidential. If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to the Governor.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Harvey at (917) 865-7961, or email at [rharvey@jenksharveylaw.com](mailto:rharvey@jenksharveylaw.com)