THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

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MIAMI –The Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission (the "Commission") has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancy on the Third District Court of Appeal resulting from the resignation, effective August 31, 2020, of Judge Vance E. Salter.

The Commission sought and received a broad, diverse, and qualified pool of applicants and has elected to interview all of the twenty-two individuals submitting applications ("Applicants").

** APPLICANT INTERVIEWS **

Based on the COVID-19 pandemic, and with concern for the safety of Applicants, the Commission, and the public at large, all Applicants will be interviewed using the web-based video conferencing tool, Zoom.

Applicants are encouraged to download, test, and familiarize themselves with Zoom before their scheduled interviews.

Applicant interviews will last approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes and will be recorded.

At the inception of each interview, the Commission Chair will invite Applicants to make a <u>brief</u> opening statement.

The Commission will interview Applicants on Monday, June 22, 2020, and Tuesday, June 23, 2020, pursuant to the following schedule:

Monday, June 22, 2020

INTERVIEW	APPLICANT
TIME	
8:00 a.m.	JNC Members Check In – Executive Session
9:00 a.m.	Isaac Mitrani
9:30 a.m.	Laura M. Gonzalez

INTERVIEW	APPLICANT
TIME	
10:00 a.m.	Hon. Ramiro Areces
10:30 a.m.	Eduardo Sanchez
11:00 a.m.	Kansas Gooden
11:30 a.m.	Hon. Thomas J. Rebull
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Executive Session
1:30 p.m.	Hon. Marina Garcia Wood
2:00 p.m.	Hon. Antonio Arzola
2:30 p.m.	Hon. Timothy Koenig
3:00 p.m.	Hon. William Thomas
3:30 p.m.	Hon. Migna Sanchez-Llorens
4:00 p.m.	Hon. Daryl Trawick
4:30 p.m.	Hon. Lisa S. Walsh

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

INTERVIEW	APPLICANT
TIME	
8:00 a.m.	JNC Members Check In – Executive Session
9:00 a.m.	Jeffrey Robert Geldens
9:30 a.m.	Christopher Johnson
10:00 a.m.	Hon. Alexander Spicola Bokor
10:30 a.m.	Ann M. St. Peter-Griffith
11:00 a.m.	Melissa Damian Visconti
11:30 a.m.	Jorge J. Perez
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Executive Session
1:00 p.m.	Hon. Maria Santovenia
2:00 p.m.	Alina Alonso Rodriguez
2:30 p.m.	Hon. Mark Blumstein
3:00 p.m.	Executive Session (please note: if any interview is
	interrupted or negatively impacted by an unforeseen
	technical issue with, for example, Zoom or an internet
	connection, the Commission may elect to reschedule
	the subject interview(s) at this date and time.)

Applicants will receive a separate e-mail with the Zoom connection information prior to their scheduled interviews.

Applicants may contact Mr. Robert Casalini, Director of Information Technology, Phipps Reporting, by telephone at (561) 922-7036 or via e-mail at rcasalini@phippsreporting.com, with questions concerning their Zoom connection.

Members of the bench, Bar, and public at large that wish to view and/or listen in to these interviews may do so via Zoom or by telephone.

To join by Zoom, please use the following link: https://phippsreporting.zoom.us/j/96433667764. These web-based connections will be muted and not visible to the applicants and the Commission.

To join by telephone, please use access code **964 3366 7764** with any of the following dial-in numbers: **1-646-876-9923**; **1-301-715-8592**; **1-312-626-6799**; **1-669-900-6833**; **1-253-215-8782**; **1-346-248-7799**. These telephonic connections will be muted to the applicants and the Commission.

** ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING **

The Commission will hold an organizational meeting by telephone on **Friday**, **June 19**, **2020** at **5:30 P.M.** (**EDT**). Once a quorum has been reached, the Commission will enter executive session via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to attend the public portion of the organizational meeting may use the following conference line:

U.S. Dial-in: 1-800-356-0123 International Dial-in: 001-951-797-1056 Access: 981622#

Members of the bench, the Bar, and the public at large are encouraged to contact the members of the Commission concerning the Applicants. The Commission members are:

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