

SECOND CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION– ANNOUNCES VACANCY
AND INTERVIEW DATE

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As a result of the resignation of the Hon. James Hankinson, there is a vacancy on the 2nd Judicial Circuit Court bench. Gov. Ron DeSantis has asked the 2nd Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees for this vacancy, by no later than Friday, April 3, 2020.

Complete unredacted applications for this vacancy must be received before 12:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 23, 2020** at:

2nd Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
Attn: Hayden Dempsey, Chair
c/o Greenberg Traurig
101 E. College Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at www.floridabar.org or the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday, April 2, 2020**, at the Leon County Court Annex: 1920 Thomasville Rd #A, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Neither incomplete applications nor applications submitted after the deadline will be considered. Further, all applicants must meet the qualifications for county court judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

In addition to the original application, applicants must provide nine (9) paper copies of the application and attachments, and email a .PDF version of the application to dempseyh@gtlaw.com with personal information not subject to public disclosure redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. Please also provide an electronic version of the complete, unredacted application to the same email address. Please also email a digital photo with the unredacted application. To assist the commission, all questions on the application must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information (especially direct phone numbers), including email addresses, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the commission. Applicants shall not initiate contact with the commissioners until the nominees are submitted to Gov. DeSantis.

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect their application be kept confidential.

If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to Gov. DeSantis' office.

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact Hayden Dempsey at the number above.

The members of the Judicial Nominating Commission include the following: Hayden R. Dempsey, Chair, Matthew J. Carson, Vice Chair, Kristina R. Osterhaus, Darrick D. McGhee, Brian Newman, Dan Russell, Erik Matthew Figlio, Robert Neil Clarke, Jr, and Stuart F. Williams.

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