

**NINTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF TWO CIRCUIT JUDGE VACANCIES – ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES**

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ORLANDO – Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with names of highly qualified nominees for two circuit judge vacancies on the Ninth Judicial Circuit’s bench created by the resignations of Chief Judge Frederick Lauten and Judge Daniel Dawson.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a complete application for consideration. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years and must be a registered voter. The individuals appointed must reside in the Ninth Judicial Circuit at the time that they assume office.

Applications may be downloaded from the [Florida Bar’s website](http://www.floridabar.org) at www.floridabar.org or the [Office of the Governor](http://www.flgov.com) at www.flgov.com. Applicants must include a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page.

Applicants must submit a complete application to the Commission’s Vice Chair, Tara Tedrow, at Tara.Tedrow@lowndes-law.com by **Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Noon (12:00 p.m.)**. The Commission encourages applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible. Any application received after the noon deadline will not be considered. Applicants must e-mail the complete application in .pdf format. Applicants must also e-mail a second .pdf version of the application with personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. The two .pdf files should be named in the following last name.first name format as an example, so use the applicant’s own name: Doe.John.pdf and Doe.John-REDACTED.pdf. No paper applications will be accepted.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. The submitted application must include the financial disclosures and a writing sample, and the requested recent photograph. Applications must also include current contact information, *including e-mail addresses*, for all judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that members of the Commission will conduct.

Members of the bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. Letters of recommendation may be mailed or e-mailed to all commissioners at any time before the interviews begin.

The Commission has tentatively scheduled to conduct interviews on May 8, 2019 at the law offices of Gray Robinson in Orlando. Depending on the number of applications received, an overflow date of May 10, 2019, will be used if necessary. Applicants will be notified by e-mail as to their interview time and the address once the schedule is made after the application deadline. A complete interview schedule will be available on the Governor's website at a later time.

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact either Matthew Klein at (561) 213-4448, or Tara Tedrow at 407-418-6265 or her assistant, Cristina Ruiz, at cristina.ruiz@lowndes-law.com or the same telephone number.