

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

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Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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MIAMI – The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor DeSantis with nominees for the vacancies in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit created by the resignation of Circuit Judge Maria Sampedro-Iglesia and elevation of Judges Rodolfo Ruiz and Monica Gordo.¹ The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Applicants must submit three copies (3) of their application by **5:00 pm on Friday, May 24, 2019** as follows:

(1): The original unredacted paper application shall be delivered to:

Hayden P. O’Byrne
K&L Gates, LLP
200 S. Biscayne Blvd. 39th Floor
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(2): The original unredacted application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: hayden.obyrne@klgates.com and etna.medina@klgates.com.

(3): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed to eleventhcircuitjnc@klgates.com. Personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—shall be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.

Untimely applications will not be considered. The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows “19.5.24 FIRSTNAME LASTNAME Circuit Application (redacted /unredacted).”

Applicants are invited to provide the Chair with a one page sheet listing the date, location and time of hearings or trials that they would want the Commissioners to observe. The one page disclosure sheet is not mandatory and can be provided to the Chair at any time before the interview day. *No information other than the date, location and time should be provided on the one page sheet.*

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar’s website at www.flabar.org and the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com. Applicants should include a recent photograph.

¹ This vacancy notice supersedes the April 26, 2019 notice related to Judge Gordo. All applications submitted pursuant to that notice will be considered for all three vacancies without the need to re-apply.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information, including e-mail addresses, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission. Please print to .pdf in lieu of scanning where possible.

The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will confer at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 to schedule interviews. A room will be made available to members of the public (K&L Gates, LLP, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd. 39th Floor, Miami, FL 33131) who wish to attend.

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