

**THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES TWO COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL VACANCIES**

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Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

The Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces two vacancies on the County Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hillsborough County, created by the elevation of the Honorable Alissa M. Ellison and the Honorable Jared E. Smith to the Circuit Court Bench.

The Commission is now accepting applications to fill these vacancies. Applicants must be residents of Hillsborough County, registered voters, and members of The Florida Bar for the past five years.

Applications can be downloaded from the Florida Governor's Judicial Nominations webpage at <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/> by going to link for "Revised Judicial Application: Word" under the heading "Judicial Appointments" in the middle of the first page. Applicants will be asked to provide their names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and email addresses to facilitate communications with the Commission.

Applicants must submit a fully completed original and one copy of the application, together with a photograph attached to the original and to the copy, and a thumb/flash drive with the Application, unredacted and redacted. In addition, Applicants are requested to e-mail one electronic unredacted (PDF) copy of the application and one electronic redacted (PDF) copy of the application to Thomas Newcomb Hyde, Chair at the above e-mail address. Any material redacted by the Applicant must be limited to exempt or confidential information that is exempt from public inspection pursuant to Chapter 119 and Florida's public records law. Letters of Recommendation should be e-mailed to Thomas Newcomb Hyde, Chairman, at the above e-mail address unless they are contained within the Application package. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Send all packages to Thomas Newcomb Hyde, Chairman, Attorney at Law, 9916 Chris Craft Court, Tampa, FL 33615, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday October 7, 2019.** Applicants and the public will be advised in subsequent news releases of dates of Commission meetings relating to filling this vacancy. The Commission will submit the names of nominees for this vacant judgeship to Gov. Ron DeSantis on or before **October 25, 2019.**

A list of members of the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is available from The Florida Bar's website at <https://www.floridabar.org/directories/jnc/commissions-fl/>. Questions should be directed to Thomas Newcomb Hyde, Chairman, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission at (813) 855-2071 or thomasnewcombhyde@gmail.com