

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY**

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The following candidates have applied for the Circuit Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Leigh Frizzell Hayes (in alphabetical order):

Honorable Christopher Brown
Karla Campos-Andersen
James Chandler
Deborah Cunningham
Bernard King

Ryan Kuhl
Antoinette Peck
Michael Powell
Dennis Wallace
Christopher Whitney

An interview date has been reserved for Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The list of candidates who will be interviewed, the schedule of interviews, and the location, will be announced Friday, January 12, 2024.

Members of the judiciary, bar, and the public are encouraged to contact members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.

Any person who wishes to submit a letter regarding any applicant must submit that letter in .pdf format by e-mail to the Chair at: rmontecalvo@sao20.org. The Chair will disseminate all letters to members of the Commission. All correspondence constitutes a public record pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Members of the 20th Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are:

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