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**SEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY
AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Gov. Ron DeSantis has requested that the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission convene for the purpose of selecting and submitting a list of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court. The Seventh Circuit includes Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia counties. This appointment will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Judge James R. Clayton.

Accordingly, the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will now accept applications. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges as described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm EST on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. All applications must be delivered by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at tmydock@mydocklaw.com.

The current version of the application (“Judicial Appointment Application 2022”) is available at: <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>

To be considered, an applicant must deliver the following by email:

1. A .pdf version of the complete application with all attachments; and
2. A .pdf redacted version of the complete application with all attachments, excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

A complete application shall include: a signed Certificate, Financial History, notarized Form 6, Judicial Application Data Record, FDLE form, a writing sample, and a current color photograph. All questions in the application must be answered fully and completely. Applicants must include current contact information for all judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation. Each .pdf file should be titled so that the applicant’s full name and “original” or “redacted” is readily apparent before opening the attachment. The application and all attachments should be combined into a single .pdf file.

After the application deadline, the interview schedule and location shall be published by separate notice. **Interviews are tentatively scheduled to occur in St. Augustine, St. Johns County, on Friday, April 5, 2024.**

All proceedings of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public, except for deliberations. Applicants should expect that their application will not remain confidential.

Members of the judiciary, bar, and public are encouraged to contact the Commission regarding any applicant for judicial appointment. All written correspondence regarding an applicant should be sent by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at tmydock@mydocklaw.com. The Chair will disseminate all information to the Commission.

Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquires to the Chair. The list of current members of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission follows:

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