

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION, SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT and COUNTY COURT VACANCIES**

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancy in the Broward County Court created by the elevation of **County Court Judge Catalina Avalos** to the Broward Circuit Court, and the vacancy in the Broward Circuit Court created by the resignation of **Circuit Court Judge Mariya Weekes**.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Applicants must submit their application by **12:00 pm (noon) January 2, 2024**, as follows:

The “Judicial Appointment Application 2022” may be downloaded in pdf and word format at: <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>.

(1): The **original unredacted** application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: wgm@wgm-law.com.

(2): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed separately to wgm@wgmccormicklaw.com. Personal information not subject to public disclosure - such as social security number—shall be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the redaction provisions of Section 119.071, as the Commission takes no responsibility for determining the necessity for, or propriety of, any redactions. Upon receipt of a public records request, the Commission will produce the redacted applications in the form received from the applicants.

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

Applicants are asked to strictly follow all requests and instructions in this notice. Failure to do so could result in an application not being considered.

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.

Please include with your Application: (1) all letters of recommendation the applicant wishes the Commission to consider, which shall be included as attachments to the original application and the

redacted copy, and shall be included with the applications saved in the transmittal; and (2) any additional information the applicant feels may be helpful to the Commission in assessing the applicant's qualifications. Any such supplemental information shall be included as attachments to the application and redacted application.

The Commission strongly suggests that applications be submitted as soon as they are prepared, and well before the application deadline. Applicants granted an interview will be scheduled in the order in which applications are received.

After the deadline for submitting applications, the Commission will determine which applicants will be interviewed. It is currently anticipated that interviews will be conducted in person at the Broward County Main Courthouse on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**, although both date and location are subject to change.

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