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

SAINT AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Governor 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. This appointment will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Raul Zambrano.

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 Monday, January 8, 2024.** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. All applications must be delivered by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at [tmydock@mydocklaw.com](mailto: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, applicants must deliver the following by email:

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

A complete application shall include the following attachments: a color photograph, financial disclosures, a writing sample, and the FDLE form. 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 that will be performed by members of the Commission.

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 has passed, the interview schedule and location shall be published by separate notice. **Interviews are tentatively scheduled to occur in Daytona Beach, Volusia County, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.**

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

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

Any person who wants to submit a letter regarding an applicant should send it by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at [tmydock@mydocklaw.com](mailto:tmydock@mydocklaw.com). The Chair will disseminate all letters to the members of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. All correspondence constitutes a public record pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

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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