

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

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ORLANDO – Governor Ron DeSantis requested that the Sixth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission provide him with names of highly qualified nominees to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Justice Meredith Lee Sasso to the Florida Supreme Court.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a completed application for consideration to Chair Jeff Aaron at jeff.aaron@gray-robinson.com **on or before July 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Incomplete applications, obsolete forms of application, and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Applicants the Commission interviewed on June 7, 2023, do **not** need to resubmit an application. Those applicants may use their prior application and should e-mail the Chair to request consideration for a nomination.

Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquires to the Chair. Applicants must qualify to hold office for District Court under Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Those qualifications include having been a member of the bar of Florida for the preceding ten years, being a registered voter in the State of Florida, and residing in Orange, Osceola, Hardee, Highlands, Polk, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County at the time of appointment. The Commission will issue a separate press release regarding the dates and times for interviews.

Applications may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com, and must be submitted with a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page. Applicants must also include current contact information, including email addresses and direct phone numbers, for themselves, as well as for all co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the requisite background investigation.

All applications must be submitted in one file in .pdf format. A second.pdf version of the application must also be provided with redactions to protect any personal information not subject to public disclosure as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. The two .pdf files should be named in a “last name.first name” format. For example, James Madison should submit two files named: (1) Madison.James.pdf and (2) Madison.James.REDACTED.pdf. Applications not submitted in the correct format may be rejected and paper applications will not be accepted.

Members of the bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. Letters of recommendation should be e-mailed to all Commissioners at any time before the interviews begin. The contact information for the commissioners is:

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