

THIRD CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL VACANCY

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LAKE CITY - Governor Ron DeSantis has requested the Third Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission provide him with names of highly qualified nominees for one (1) Columbia County Court vacancy created by the enactment of HB 5401.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a completed application for consideration to the Chair, **George T. Reeves** at tomreeves@earthlink.net **on or before Friday, June 28, 2024 at noon (12:00 p.m.)**. Incomplete applications and untimely submissions will not be considered by the Commission. Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquiries to the Chair. Applicants must qualify to hold the office of County Court judge under Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution and Section 34.021, Florida Statutes. Those qualifications include having been a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years prior to submitting his or her name to the Commission for appointment, being a registered voter in the State of Florida, and the applicant must reside in Columbia County at the time of appointment.

Applications may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com, and must include a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page. Applicants must also include current contact information, including e-mail addresses, 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 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 or mailed to all Commissioners at any time before the interviews begin. The contact information for the commissioners is:

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After the deadline for submitting applications, the Commission will determine which applicants will be interviewed. Applicants to be interviewed will be notified by e-mail of their interview time once the schedule is finalized. A complete interview schedule will be available on Governor Ron DeSantis’s website. **At this time, it is anticipated that interviews will be conducted in person on Monday, July 29, 2024, at the Columbia County Courthouse in Lake City, Florida, although this date and place are subject to change.**