

**TENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
POLK COUNTY, COUNTY COURT VACANCY**

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Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
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**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR POLK COUNTY,
COUNTY COURT JUDGE POSITION**

The following is a list of the applicants for the position of Polk County, County Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert Fegers. Names of the applicants are listed in alphabetical order:

1. Josephine Colón
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
2. Allison Fox
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
3. Bonde Johnson
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
4. Ruth Knight
Assistant Public Defender
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
5. Monica Smith
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
6. Jennifer Steimle
Child Support Hearing Officer
Bartow, Florida

7. John Waters
Attorney
Lakeland, Florida

8. Rachelle Williamson
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida

Interviews will be conducted by the Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission on Monday, March 4, 2024, in-person, at the Southern Atlantic Law Group, PLLC, 290 1st Street S Winter Haven, Florida 33880. Interviews will commence at approximately 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2024, and will continue throughout the day.

Commission Members are: Nicholas T. Zbrzezny (*Chair*), Julie Landrigan Ball (*Vice-Chair*), Walter E. Engle, III, Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Krista Mahalak, Robert S. Swaine, Frederick J. Murphy, Jr., and Lydia S. Zbrzezny.