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Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES APPLICANTS FOR COUNTY COURT AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL VACANCIES

As a result of the two county court vacancies created by the appointments of Judge Hooi and Judge Tompkins to the circuit court bench and the one circuit court vacancy created by the resignation of Chief Judge Ficarrota in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Governor Ron DeSantis has convened the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to select and submit the names of highly qualified candidates to fill the vacancies. The following individuals have applied for the vacancies:

County Court Vacancy Applicants

E. Christopher Abdoney
Adam L. Bantner, II
Christopher E. Brown
Christine Shiver Brown
Travis J. Coy
Christopher S. Dutton
Matthew L. Felix
Jeremy R. Griner
E. Michael Isaak
Jennifer P. Johnson
Joseph W. Kudia
Jennifer Lima-Smith
Elba Martin
Andrew J. McGinley
Bennett M. Miller
Sara K. Peacock Bartos
Albert M. Perotti
Teresa O. Prescott
Shirin Rustomji
Natalia B. Silver
Judge W. Michael Thornton
Alicia Whiting Bozich

Circuit Court Vacancy Applicants

Judge Michael C. Baggé-Hernández
Travis J. Coy
Christopher S. Dutton
Christine Shiver Brown
Matthew L. Felix
Joseph W. Kudia
Jennifer Lima-Smith
Andrew J. McGinley
Judge J. Logan Murphy
Teresa O. Prescott
Shirin Rustomji
Judge Leslie Schultz-Kin
Natalia B. Silver
Judge W. Michael Thornton
Alicia Whiting Bozich

The Commission encourages and seeks comments regarding the qualifications of these applicants from the public and from members of the Bench and Bar. Comments may be addressed to Max Amster, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, and emailed to max@veridismgmt.com, or mailed to Max Amster, 1700 S. MacDill Ave, Suite 300, Tampa, FL

33629. Comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on January 12, 2024**, to be considered by the Commission.

Interviews will be conducted on **January 22, 2024**, at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, Bank of America Plaza, 101 E Kennedy Blvd Suite 2800, Tampa, FL 33602. Applicants will be contacted to confirm the time and location of the interviews. A complete interview schedule will be published in advance of the interviews. A remote appearance option will also be made available for the public to attend the interviews.

All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Questions about the application or interview process should be directed to the Chair, Max Amster, or Vice Chair, Pedro Bajo.

The members of the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are:

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