

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
PRESS RELEASE**

From: Timothy J. McCausland, Chair  
  
Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Re: Applications Sought for Judge Position – Circuit  
Court of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Date: January 17, 2019

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The Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces one new circuit court vacancy in the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, due to the appointment of Judge Andrea Teves Smith to the 2<sup>nd</sup> DCA. Applicants for this circuit court judgeship must have been a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years, must be registered to vote in the State of Florida, and must reside in Polk Highlands, or Hardee County at the time the successful applicant is sworn into office.

Application forms in various word processing formats are available on the Florida Bar website at [www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org). The original and eight copies of the completed application (no notebooks or binders, please) must be delivered to the Commission Chair at the address appearing below no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019. In the past, applications that were not delivered by the specified deadline were not considered by the Commission, although minor supplements will be accepted.

In addition to the original and eight copies, applicants are requested to provide one electronic **unredacted** (PDF) copy of the application **and** one electronic **redacted** (PDF) copy of the application. Any material redacted by the applicant must be limited to exempt or confidential information that is exempt from public inspection pursuant to Chapter 119 and Florida's public records law.

Commission Members are: Timothy J. McCausland, Lydia Zbrzezni, E. Blake Paul, Richard E. Straughn, Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Robert Swaine, Patrice Behnstedt and Krista Mahalak.

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