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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Dear Mr. Jacquot:

Thank you for your letter on March 22, 2019, concerning Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. The Commission has convened and established a schedule that will allow us to complete our work in the required timeframe. The Commission also voted to elect me as Chair of the Commission. A notice announcing the vacancy and upcoming deadline for judicial applications is attached. The notice is being sent to The Florida Bar contemporaneously with this letter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Hayden Dempsey

Enclosure

cc: Jonathon Sjostrom, Chief Judge  
Lawrence Edward Sellers, Jr., Second Circuit BOG  
Melissa VanSickle, Second Circuit BOG  
Jennifer Krell Davis, JNC Coordinator

SECOND CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION– ANNOUNCES VACANCY  
AND INTERVIEW DATE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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As a result of the resignation of the Hon. Stephen Everett, there will be a vacancy on the 2nd Judicial Circuit Court bench. Gov. Ron DeSantis has asked the 2nd Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees for this vacancy, by not later than April 22, 2019.

Complete unredacted applications for this vacancy must be received before 5p.m. on **Thursday, April 11, 2019**, at:

2nd Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission  
Attn: Hayden Dempsey, Chairman  
101 E. College Ave.  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at [www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org) or the Office of the Governor at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com).

Interviews will be held on **Monday, April 22, 2019**, at the Leon County Court Annex: 1920 Thomasville Rd #A, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Neither incomplete applications nor applications submitted after the deadline will be considered. Further, all applicants must meet the qualifications for county court judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

In addition to the original application, applicants must email a .PDF version of the application to [dempseyh@gtlaw.com](mailto:dempseyh@gtlaw.com) with personal information not subject to public disclosure redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. Please also provide an electronic version of the complete, unredacted application to the same email address. Please also email a digital photo with the unredacted application. To assist the commission, all questions on the application must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information (especially direct phone numbers), including email addresses, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the commission. Applicants shall not initiate contact with the commissioners until the nominees are submitted to Gov. DeSantis.

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect their application be kept confidential.

If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to Gov. DeSantis' office.

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact Hayden Dempsey at the number above.

The members of the Judicial Nominating Commission include the following: Hayden R. Dempsey, Chair, Matthew J. Carson, Vice Chair, Frederick R. Dudley, Chasity Hope O'Steen, Kristina R. Osterhaus, Darrick D. McGhee, Erik Matthew Figlio, Robert Neil Clarke, Jr and Stuart F. Williams

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