

**THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCES APPLICANTS FOR COUNTY COURT  
JUDICIAL VACANCY**

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As a result of the county court vacancy created by the resignation created by the resignation of Judge Susan “Suzy” Lopez 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  
Alicia Whiting Bozich  
Christine Shiver Brown  
Cory L. Chandler  
Travis J. Coy  
Jeffrey D. Groover  
E. Michael Isaak  
Joseph W. Kudia  
Elba C. Martin  
Richard H. Martin  
Bennett M. Miller  
Diego F. Novaes  
Matthew H. Perry  
Lisa M. Thelwell  
W. Michael Thornton

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](mailto: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 December 5, 2022**, to be considered by the Commission.

Interviews will be conducted December 13, 2022 at the SHUMAKER Gasparilla Conference Room. Bank of America Plaza, Suite 2800. 101 East Kennedy Boulevard in Tampa, FL. 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.

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