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**4TH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES INTERVIEW
SCHEDULE FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY**

As a result of the retirement of Judge Don Lester, there exists a vacancy on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Bench. Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees to fill this vacancy. The Commission received 10 applications and will interview the applicants on **Thursday, October 26, 2023**, as follows:

Time	Applicant
9:45 a.m.	Jordan Beard
10:00 a.m.	Marquita Green*
10:15 a.m.	David Wainer
10:30 a.m.	Nancy Cleaveland
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Joshua Beard
11:15 a.m.	Melissa Merritt
11:30 a.m.	Matthew Lufrano
11:45 a.m.	Lunch/Deliberations
1:00 p.m.	L.E. Hutton
1:15 p.m.	Geraldine Hartin
1:30 p.m.	Megan Kelley
1:45 p.m.	Deliberations Resume

Interviews will take place in the Chambers of The Honorable Lance M. Day, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, located at the Duval County Courthouse, Room 7139, Duval County Courthouse, 501 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, Florida.

Members of the Bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the Commissioners with relevant information about these applicants **on or before October 25, 2023**.

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 by this Commission, all materials attached to the original application along with any supplemental materials will be submitted to Governor DeSantis' Office.

Please contact Helen Peacock Roberson with any questions.

* Due to pre-existing obligation, applicant will be appearing virtually for interview.