

**SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – SIXTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT AND PINELLAS COUNTY COURT JUDGE VACANCIES**

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**Sixth Judicial Nominating Commission**

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The Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces a judicial vacancy in the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court and the Pinellas County Court due to the retirement of the Honorable Peter Ramsberger and the elevation of the Honorable Joshua Riba respectively. The Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission seeks applications for nominations from all persons who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the Florida Constitution.

Applicants must be able to fulfill the Constitutional qualifications before assuming the office of Circuit Court or County Court Judge, which require the person to be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar for the preceding five (5) years, a resident of Pinellas County, and a registered voter in the State of Florida.

Application forms for the judgeship may be downloaded from The Florida Bar's website, [www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org). Applications can also be obtained from the Commission Chair, Brian J. Aungst, Jr., whose address and electronic mail address appear below. **As of July 1, 2020, there have been changes made to the Application for Judicial vacancies. Applicants must complete the current Application for Judicial vacancies. Applicants must also indicate via cover letter submitted with the Application whether they are applying for the Circuit Court vacancy, the County Court vacancy, or whether they are applying for both. If applying for both only one completed Application is required. Please do not submit more than one complete Application. The cover letter must also indicate whether the applicant is willing to be interviewed in person or remotely.**

The original completed Application with attachments, one copy of the original with attachments that has been redacted as required by the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, a flash drive with both original and redacted Applications with attachments, and a recent photo must be physically delivered to Brian J. Aungst, Jr., Chairman, Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, at the address below no later than **12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020**. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

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Applicants receiving interviews will be notified of the date and time of his or her interview. A list of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission members is available on the Florida Bar's website. Questions should be directed to Brian J. Aungst, Jr., Chair, Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.