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Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

The Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces the Circuit-Level Judicial Vacancy created by Judge Tatti's retirement will be in Lake County and as a result, the Commission's applicant interviews will also be held in Lake County. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five (5) years and must be a registered voter. The appointee must be a resident of the Fifth Judicial Circuit at the time he or she is appointed.

The Judicial Application may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor (<https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>) PLEASE NOTE: Effective July 1, 2020, the application has been substantially revised. Please be sure to download and use the current application. Applications are also available from the Chair:

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Applicants, who have not already tendered their application for this vacancy, must submit a complete application, (with current color photograph), to the Chair at zach@attorneycfl.com. **The deadline for submitting the applications has been EXTENDED to Monday, February 12, 2024, at noon.** No applications will be accepted after such date and time. Applications deemed incomplete may be rejected in their entirety at the Commission's discretion. Applicants who are in need of guidance may contact the Chair.

Applications must be in .pdf form with a second .pdf version of the application with personal information not subject to public disclosure - such as the social security number - redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. The two .pdf files should be named in a "last name.first name" format. For example: Bob Smith should submit two files named: (1) Smith.Bob.pdf and (2) Smith.Bob-REDACTED.pdf. No paper applications will be accepted.

All interviews are scheduled for **Friday, February 23, 2024**, at the **Office of Hon. Gary J. Cooney, in the Executive Office Conference**

**Room (#3-800)** which is located at the Lake County Courthouse on the 3rd Floor in the East Wing at 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778. Parking is available in the detached parking garage. Information regarding applicant interview times will be established and advertised at a later date. All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for deliberations.

Members of the bench, bar and public are encouraged to contact members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. Members of the Fifth Judicial Nominating Commission are, Zachary J. McCormick (Chair), David Ellspermann (Vice Chair), Matthew Foreman, Robert Briggs, Shanta Matthews, Nicole Blumenauer, David Jordan, Richard Mutarelli Jr. and Robert W. Batsel, Jr. A complete listing and contact information for each member is available on The Florida Bar's website.