

**15TH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF VACANCY AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS**

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The Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (“JNC”) announces one vacancy for a Circuit Court Judge position created by the retirement of Judge Laura Johnson. The JNC has been instructed to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancy by **Monday, August 14, 2023**.

Qualifications of Applicants:

Applicants must be able to fulfill the Constitutional qualifications for judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Instructions for Submission:

- 1) The current Judicial Application form must be used and can be found at <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>. Applicants should ensure they are using the correct and current form.
- 2) Applications must be in .pdf form and submitted as follows: (i) one **original** copy of the application, including all attachments, (ii) one **redacted** copy of the application, including all attachments, excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes or other applicable public records law. The two .pdf files should be named in a “last name.first name” format. For example: Jane Smith should submit two files named: (1) Smith.Jane.pdf and (2) Smith.Jane-REDACTED.pdf. Each electronic application, including exhibits, must be a single pdf file. The Commission strongly prefers the submission of applications in a text-searchable (i.e., non-scanned) pdf format.
- 3) The deadline for submission of the completed application is **5:00 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2023**. Both the original and redacted electronic applications must be submitted by email to all Commission members at their email addresses below:

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After the deadline for submitting applications, the JNC will determine which applicants will be interviewed. It is anticipated that any interviews will be held in person the week of August 7, 2023, although this date is subject to change.

All JNC proceedings are open to the public, except for deliberations. Applications are not confidential. If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to the Governor.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Harvey at (561) 303-2918, or by email at robert@flbiznow.com