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FOURTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY, DUVAL COUNTY COURT VACANCY, AND INTERVIEW DATE

As a result of the elevation of Judge Adrian Soud to the Fifth District Court of Appeal and the retirement of Judge Roberto Arias, there exist vacancies on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Bench and the Duval County Court Bench. Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees to fill these vacancies.

Complete unredacted and redacted applications (see below for more information) for these vacancies must be received **before** 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023** via e-mail to: pjoyce@milamhoward.com.

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at www.floridabar.org or the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com.

Interviews will be held on **Friday, February 10, 2023** in Chief Judge Mark Mahon's Chambers on the 7th floor of the Duval County Courthouse.

Neither incomplete applications nor applications submitted after the deadline will be considered. Further, all applicants must meet the qualifications for Judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Personal information not subject to public disclosure should be redacted on a separate copy of the application as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. Please also e-mail a digital photo with the applications. All questions on the application must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information (especially direct phone numbers), including e-mail addresses for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that the Commission will conduct.

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect their application to be kept confidential.

If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to Governor DeSantis' Office.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Patrick W. Joyce at the number or email address above. *Applicants shall not initiate contact with the Commissioners until the nominees are submitted to Governor DeSantis unless questions pertain to the application process only.*