

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

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ORLANDO – Governor Ron DeSantis requested that on or before Saturday, June 17, 2023, the Sixth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission provide him with names of highly qualified nominees to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Jay Cohen.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a completed application for consideration to the Chair, Jeff Aaron at jeff.aaron@gray-robinson.com on or before **May 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Incomplete applications, obsolete forms of application, and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.** Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquires to the Chair. Applicants must qualify to hold office for District Court under Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Those qualifications include having been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding ten years, being a registered voter in the State of Florida, and residing in Orange, Osceola, Hardee, Highlands, Polk, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County at the time of appointment. The Commission will issue a separate press release regarding the dates and times for interviews.

Applications may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com, and must be submitted with a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page. Applicants must also include current contact information, including email addresses and direct phone numbers, for themselves, as well as for all co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the requisite background investigation.

All applications must be submitted in one file in .pdf format. A second.pdf version of the application must also be provided with redactions to protect any personal information not subject to public disclosure 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, James Madison should submit two files named: (1) Madison.James.pdf and (2) Madison.James.REDACTED.pdf. Applications not submitted in the correct format may be rejected and paper applications will not be accepted.

Members of the bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. Letters of recommendation should be e-mailed to all Commissioners at any time before the interviews begin. The contact information for the commissioners is:

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