

**TENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
POLK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

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BARTOW – The Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancy on the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court created by the resignation of **Judge Larry S. Helms**.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Applicants must submit two (2) copies of their application by **5:00 pm on Monday, April 3, 2023**, as follows:

(1): The original unredacted application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: kmahalak@petersonmyers.com.

(2): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed to kmahalak@petersonmyers.com. Personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—shall be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.

Untimely applications will not be considered. The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows “23.04.03 FIRSTNAME LASTNAME Circuit Application (redacted /unredacted).”

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar’s website at www.flabar.org and the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information, including e-mail addresses, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission.

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