

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

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The Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee announces a vacancy in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court due to the resignation of The Honorable Debra Johnes Riva. Accordingly, the Judicial Nominating Commission seeks applications for nomination from all persons who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the Florida Constitution.

Applicants must be able to fulfill the Constitutional qualifications before assuming the office of Circuit Court Judge, which require the person to be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar for the preceding five (5) years, a resident of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and a registered voter in the State of Florida.

The application form for the judgeship may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor's website at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com) by following the "Judicial" link to the 2021 Judicial Appointment Application.

All applicants must submit the following: a .pdf version of the complete unredacted application with attachments, including the executed FDLE form, and a color photograph in .jpg or .gif format; and a .pdf version of a redacted copy of the application excluding all exempt information pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The .pdf files should be titled in the name of the applicant (Doe.John.pdf) and labeled "redacted" or "original" as applicable.

Applications must be delivered by email to Bonnie Lee A. Polk, Chair, at [bpolk@williamsparker.com](mailto:bpolk@williamsparker.com) no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022**. **Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**

A list of members of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is also available on the Office of the Governor's website at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com). Questions should be directed to Bonnie Lee A. Polk, Chair, Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission at 941-552-5548 or [bpolk@williamsparker.com](mailto:bpolk@williamsparker.com).