

**SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

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The Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces a judicial vacancy in the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court due to the retirement of the Honorable Thomas H. Minkoff. The Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission seeks applications for nominations from all persons who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the Florida Constitution.

This application process is being conducted concurrently with the pending application process for the Circuit Court vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Peter Ramsberger and the Pinellas County Court vacancy created by the elevation of the Honorable Joshua Riba. If you have already applied for consideration to be nominated to fill Judge Ramsberger’s seat and received a receipt of a completed application from the JNC, you do not need to re-apply to be considered to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Minkoff. If you applied only to be considered for nomination to fill the Pinellas County Court vacancy you may notify the Chair of your desire for your pending application to be considered for the Circuit Court vacancies via e-mail referenced below and above by the deadline outlined below. If your application was deemed incomplete, untimely, or was otherwise not accepted by the JNC for the current vacancies then you must re-apply and submit a complete application by the new deadline outlined below.

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 Pinellas County, and a registered voter in the State of Florida.

Application forms for the judgeship may be downloaded from The Florida Bar’s website, www.floridabar.org. Applications can also be obtained from the Commission Chair, Brian J. Aungst, Jr., whose address and electronic mail address appear below. **As of July 1, 2020, there have been changes made to the Application for Judicial vacancies. Applicants must complete the current Application for Judicial vacancies. The cover letter must also indicate whether the applicant is willing to be interviewed in person or remotely.**

The original completed Application with attachments, one copy of the original with attachments that has been redacted as required by the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, a flash drive with both original and redacted Applications with attachments, and a recent photo must be physically delivered to Brian J. Aungst, Jr., Chairman, Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, at the address below **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020.**

Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

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Applicants receiving interviews will be notified of the date and time of his or her interview. A list of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission members is available on the Florida Bar's website. Questions should be directed to Brian J. Aungst, Jr., Chair, Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission