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**Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission**

**THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCES NOMINATIONS FOR THREE COUNTY COURT VACANCIES**

The following nominations have been forwarded to Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the position of County Court Judge for the remaining three newly created seats.

Robert Brazel  
Cory Chandler  
Travis J. Coy  
Cornelius Demps  
Matthew Felix  
James Giardina  
E. Michael Isaak  
Randall Leonard  
Susan Shorter Lopez  
Troy Lovell  
Marc S. Makhholm  
Elba Martin  
Brian McElfatrick  
Bennett M. Miller  
Megan Newcomb  
Diego Novaes  
Gregory Pizzo  
Matthew Smith

These nominations are the result of the Commission's deliberations on October 1, 2021, following interviews with 54 applicants over the course of three days. The Commission thanks all of those who participated in the nomination process. Input from the community by way of reference, recommendations, or general information about the Applicants is vital to the process and is appreciated by the Commission.

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