

Press Release
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
June 28, 2024

As per the Governor's request and pursuant to the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes, the 14th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission recently convened in order to begin the process of filling the vacancy recently created when County Court Judge Joe Grammer, of Panama City announced his upcoming retirement.

The Commission received five (5) applications from interested members of the Florida Bar. The Commission interviewed all five (5) individuals in order to determine their fitness for appointment. Those interviews took place on June 28, 2024.

Upon completion of the interview process, the Commission proceeded directly to deliberations. After much discussion and careful consideration, the Commission agreed that the following four (4) candidates are highly qualified and more than capable to fill the position available. Consequently, the following names have been forwarded to the Governor for his consideration.

1. Alicia Carothers
2. Blair Daffin
3. Tracy Smith
4. Grant Spitzer