

PRESS RELEASE

SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
DISTRICT COURT VACANCY

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TAMPA – Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Second District Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with names of highly qualified nominees for one vacancy on the Second District Court of Appeal created by the retirement of Judge Darryl C. Casanueva.

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

Applicants must submit two copies, one unredacted and one redacted, via email no later than **October 22, 2024, at 4:00 PM**. 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.

Applications must be emailed in .PDF format to BOTH the following individuals:
Eliot Peace at eliot.peace@gd-ots.com AND Ryan Owen at ryan.owen@arlaw.com

Upon receipt of the application, the applicant will receive an email response acknowledging receipt. If an applicant does not receive such an acknowledgement, the applicant should contact Eliot Peace, Chair of the Second District Judicial Nominating Commission at 864-980-7351 to verify receipt of the application.

Untimely applications will not be considered.

The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows “LASTNAME FIRSTNAME District 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. Applicants should include a recent photograph.

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.

Following the close of the application period, the Commission will convene to discuss scheduling interviews of the most qualified applicants. The Commission will publish an additional notice at that time

containing the names of the applicants, the date of applicant interviews, and information for any member of the public who wishes to attend the public portion of that meeting.

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