

## TENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

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Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission  
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### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR TENTH CIRCUIT, CIRCUIT JUDGE POSITION

The following is a list of the applicants for the position of Tenth Circuit, Circuit Court Judge to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Steven L. Selph. Names of the applicants are listed in alphabetical order.

1. Victoria J. Avalon  
Assistant State Attorney,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82650340229>
2. Graylin C. Chastang  
Attorney  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89493485073>
3. Amanda J. Horton  
Law Library Director  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89618994707>
4. Ruth M. Knight  
Assistant Public Defender  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88103811541>
5. Kevin M. Kohl  
County Court Judge  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87589061510>
6. Carmalita Lall  
Public Defender  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/841053640856>
7. Adam D. Patton  
Attorney  
Lakeland, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86231018599>
8. Brandon J. Rafool  
Attorney  
Winter Haven, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8866127100>
9. Brenda P. Ramirez  
Attorney  
Lakeland, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82850480347>
10. Monica V. Smith  
Senior Trial Court Staff Attorney  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691893803>
11. Jennifer L. Steimle  
Senior Trial Court Law Clerk,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82074220278>
12. John C. Waters  
Attorney  
Lakeland, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015671599>
13. Tara E. Wheat  
Assistant Public Defender  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86881247223>
14. Lori A. Winstead  
County Court Judge  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88080751016>

Interviews will be conducted by the Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission on April 8, 2021, via videoconference, through the Zoom application. Interviews will commence at approximately 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2021 and will continue throughout the day.

Commission Members are: Lydia S. Zbrzezny, Krista Mahalak, Patrice F. Behnstedt, Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Frederick Murphy, Jr., Edward Blake Paul, Robert S. Swaine, Richard E. Straughn, and Nicholas T. Zbrzezny.

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