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**Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission**

**FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL VACANCY**

As a result of the retirement of the Hon. Judge Richard B. Orfinger, there is a vacancy in The Fifth District Court of Appeal and the Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Gov. Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancy.

1) Judicial applications for this one (1) District Court vacancy must be received **BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 19, 2021**, at the following location:

c/o Michael C. Sasso, Chair  
Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission  
1031 W. Morse Boulevard, Suite 120  
Winter Park, Florida 32789  
msasso@sasso-law.com

Applications submitted after the deadline WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. All applicants must have been members of The Florida Bar for at least ten (10) years, electors of the State of Florida and be residents of the Fifth District Court of Appeal prior to taking office.

2) The **Judicial Application** (which can be downloaded from The Florida Bar website) must include:

- One (1) Digital (electronic) copy of the application (either as a .PDF or in Microsoft Word) to [msasso@sasso-law.com](mailto:msasso@sasso-law.com); and One (1) Digital (electronic) copy of the application with personal information redacted in a format suitable for submission in response to public records requests;
- A recent photograph should be included;
- All letters of recommendation in your possessions that you wish the Commission to consider, however, these letters may also be sent as supplements, after the application is submitted;
- Copies of the applicant's completed Federal Income Tax Returns for the preceding three (3) years OR current financial statement and financial history. NOTE: if you are practicing law as a professional association, your tax returns for the three (3) year period should include the tax returns for the professional association;
- Any additional information which you feel may be helpful to the Commission in assessing your qualifications

3) After the deadline for submitting applications, the Commission will determine which applicants to interview. If you are to be interviewed, you will be contacted to confirm the date, time and location.

4) As you know, all proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for

deliberations. Accordingly, you should not expect your application to be kept confidential.

5) If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to the Governor.

6) If there are any questions about the application process, please contact the Chair, Michael C. Sasso.

**Commissioners:**

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Members of the bench, the Bar and the public are urged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.