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**NINTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CIRCUIT JUDGE VACANCY – ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES**

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Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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ORLANDO – Governor Ron DeSantis asked the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with names of highly qualified nominees for one circuit judge vacancy on the Ninth Judicial Circuit’s bench created by the resignation of Judge Patricia Doherty.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a complete application for consideration. Applicants must have been a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years and must be a registered voter. The individuals appointed must reside in the Ninth Judicial Circuit at the time that he or she assumes office.

Applications may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com. Applicants must include a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page. **PLEASE NOTE: Effective July 1, 2020, the application has been substantially revised. Please be sure to download and use the current application. Any other version is obsolete and will not be accepted.**

Applicants must submit a complete application to Jeff Aaron, Esq. at Jeff.Aaron@Gray-Robinson.com by **Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at Noon (12:00 p.m.)**. The Commission will be holding interviews on **Friday, December 18, 2020**. The Commission encourages applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible. Any application received after the noon deadline will not be considered. Applicants must e-mail the complete application in .pdf format. Applicants must also e-mail a second .pdf version of the application with personal information not subject to public disclosure — such as the social security number — redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. The two .pdf files should be named in a “last name.first name” format. For example: Bob Smith should submit two files named: (1) Smith.Bob.pdf and (2) Smith.Bob-REDACTED.pdf. No paper applications will be accepted.

To assist the Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. The submitted application must include the financial disclosures, a writing sample, and a recent photograph. Applications must also include current contact information, *including e-mail addresses*, for all judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that members of the Commission will conduct.

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Members of the bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. Letters of recommendation should be e-mailed or mailed to all Commissioners at any time before the interviews begin:

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The Commission has scheduled to conduct interviews on **December 18, 2020** at the law offices of Gray Robinson, PA. in Orlando. Applicants will be notified by e-mail as to their interview time and the address once the schedule is made after the application deadline. A complete interview schedule will be available on the Governor's website at a later time. If there are any questions about the application process, please contact the Chair of the JNC, Jeff Aaron, at (407) 244-5644.