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Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

**THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES NOMINATIONS FOR THREE COUNTY COURT VACANCIES**

The following nominations have been forwarded to Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the position of County Court Judge for three the newly created seats.

E. Christopher Abdoney
Robert Brazel
Travis J. Coy
Matthew Felix
James Giardina
Michael Hooi
E. Michael Isaak
Susan Shorter Lopez
Marc S. Makhholm
Brian McElfatrick
Brigid A. Merenda
Megan Newcomb
Diego Novaes
Gregory Pizzo
Jeffrey Michael Rich
Leslie Schultz-Kin
Joseph Tompkins
Alicia Whiting-Bozich

These nominations are the result of the Commission's deliberations on September 2, 2021, following interviews with 48 applicants over the course of two days. The Commission thanks all of those who participated in the nomination process. Input from the community by way of reference, recommendations, or general information about the Applicants is vital to the process and is appreciated by the Commission.

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