

THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES APPLICANTS FOR COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL VACANCY

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Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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As a result of the creation of six county court judicial positions, there are judicial vacancies in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and Governor Ron DeSantis has convened the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to select and submit the names of highly qualified candidates to fill three of the vacancies. The following individuals have applied for the vacancies:

Emmett Chris Abdoney
Adam Leo Bantner, II
Natalie Baird-King
Amber Boles
Robert Brazel
Starr Linette Brookins
Cory Lee Chandler
Gitanjali Clark
Travis Jarod Coy
Cornelius C. Demps
Paul Martin Dontenville Jr.
Christine D. Edwards
Matthew Lee Felix
Melissa Foss
James Giardina
Ingrid Hooglander
Michael J. Hooi
Eilam Michael Isaak
Melissa Isabel
Dionne Michelle Jones
Joseph Kudia
Randall Leonard
Alexander Licznarski
Susan Shorter Lopez
Troy Matthew Lovell
Marc S. Makhholm

Elba Caridad Martin
Brian McElpatrick
Victoria McNeal
Brigid Anne Merenda
Donald Allen Mihokovich
Bennett Matthew Miller
Antina Levette Mobley
Dawn Myers
Nancy Neaves
Megan Newcomb
Diego F. Novaes
Jessica O'Connor
Loretta Comiskey O'Keeffe
Sara Kathleen Peacock
Christina Pawlus
Rita Pavan Peters
Gregory D. Pizzo
Jeffrey Michael Rich
Shirin Rustomji
Leslie Schultz-Kin
Matthew Alex Smith
Joseph Tompkins
Mark Urban
Danielle Villamil
Phillip Wartenberg
Alicia Raina Whiting-Bozich

The Commission encourages and seeks comments regarding the qualifications of these applicants from the public and from members of the Bench and Bar. Comments may be addressed to Christine Derr, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, and emailed to christine@harrishunt derr.com, or mailed to Christine Derr, Wells Fargo Center, 100 South Ashley Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33602. Comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on September 30, 2021** to be considered by the Commission.

Interviews will be conducted on Friday, October 1, 2021 beginning at noon. Applicants selected to be interviewed will be contacted to confirm the time and location of the interviews. A complete interview schedule will be published in advance of the interviews. A remote appearance option also will be made available for the public to attend the interviews.

All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Questions about the application or interview process should be directed to the Chair, Christine Derr or Vice Chair, Ryan Sainz.

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