

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

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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	Elba Caridad Martin
Adam Leo Bantner, II	Brian McElfatrick
Natalie Baird-King	Victoria McNeal
Amber Boles	Brigid Anne Merenda
Robert Brazel	Donald Allen Mihokovich
Starr Linette Brookins	Bennett Matthew Miller
Cory Lee Chandler	Antina Levette Mobley
Gitanjali Clark	Dawn Myers
Travis Jarod Coy	Nancy Neaves
Cornelius C. Demps	Megan Newcomb
Paul Martin Dontenville Jr.	Diego F. Novaes
Christine D. Edwards	Jessica O'Connor
Matthew Lee Felix	Loretta Comiskey O'Keeffe
Melissa Foss	Sara Kathleen Peacock
James Giardina	Christina Pawlus
Ingrid Hooglander	Rita Pavan Peters
Michael J. Hooi	Gregory D. Pizzo
Eilam Michael Isaak	Jeffrey Michael Rich
Melissa Isabel	Shirin Rustomji
Dionne Michelle Jones	Leslie Schultz-Kin
Joseph Kudia	Matthew Alex Smith
Randall Leonard	Joseph Tompkins
Alexander Licznerski	Mark Urban
Susan Shorter Lopez	Danielle Villamil
Troy Matthew Lovell	Phillip Wartenberg
Marc S. Makholm	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@harrishunderr.com](mailto:christine@harrishunderr.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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