

**NINTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
ORANGE COUNTY COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

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WINTER PARK – Governor Ron DeSantis has requested the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission provide him with names of highly qualified nominees for the Orange County Court vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Michael Deen to the Circuit Court.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a completed application for consideration to the Chair, **Michael A. Sasso** at [masasso@sasso-law.com](mailto:masasso@sasso-law.com) by **February 16, 2022 at noon (12:00 p.m.)**. Incomplete applications and untimely submissions will not be considered by the Commission. Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquires to the Chair. Applicants must qualify to hold office for County Court under Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Those qualifications include having been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years, being a registered voter in the State of Florida, and residing in Orange County at the time of taking office.

Applications may be downloaded from the Office of the Governor at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com), and must include a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page. Applicants must also include current contact information, including e-mail addresses, for themselves, as well as for all co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the requisite background investigation.

All applications must be submitted in one file in .pdf format. A second.pdf version of the application must also be provided with redactions to protect personal information not subject to public disclosure 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, James Madison should submit two files named: (1) Madison.James.pdf and (2) Madison.James-REDACTED.pdf. Applications not submitted in the correct format may be rejected and paper applications will not be accepted.

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. The contact information for the commissioners is:

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Interviews are tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2022, though this date is subject to change. Applicants will be notified by e-mail of their interview date and time and the address once the schedule is finalized after the application deadline. A complete interview schedule will be available on Governor Ron DeSantis's website.