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Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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

The following nominations have been forwarded to Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the position of Circuit Court Judge to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Lamar Battles:

E. Christopher Abdoney
Judge Jessica Costello
Matthew Felix
Judge Michael Hooi
Judge Cynthia Oster
Diego Novaes

The following nominations have been forwarded to Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the position of County Court Judge to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge James Moody, III.:

E. Christopher Abdoney
Cory Chandler
Travis Coy
Matthew Felix
Joseph Kudia
Marc S. Makhholm

These nominations are the result of the Commission's deliberations on June 9, 2022, following interviews with 20 applicants. 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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