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Joe Jacquot, Chair
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**FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES FOUR VACANCIES AND INTERVIEW DATES**

As a result of the reorganization of Florida's District Courts of Appeal, there are four vacancies to be filled on the Fifth District Court of Appeal (DCA). Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fifth DCA Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees for this vacancy.

Complete unredacted and redacted applications (see below for more information) for these vacancies must be received **before** 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022** via e-mail to: jjacquot@gunster.com
The commission does not require a paper copy of the application.

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at www.floridabar.org or the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com

Interviews will be held in the timeframe of **Sunday, October 16, 2022 through Wednesday, October 19, 2022** at the Fifth DCA Courthouse, library room, at 300 South Beach, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Neither incomplete applications nor applications submitted after the deadline will be considered. Further, all applicants must meet the qualifications for judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Personal information not subject to public disclosure should be redacted on a separate copy of the application as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. Please also e-mail a digital photo with the application. To assist the Commission, all questions on the application must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information (especially direct phone numbers and preferably mobile phone numbers), including e-mail addresses for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission. To the extent possible, written communication with Commissioners for background investigation purposes should be via e-mail rather than by text message.

All proceedings of this Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect their application to be kept confidential. If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to the Office of General Counsel for Governor DeSantis.

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact Joe Jacquot at jjacquot@gunster.com or at (904) 350-7414, or contact Amanda Carl at acarl@harrells.com *Applicants shall not initiate contact with the Commissioners until the nominees are submitted to Governor DeSantis, unless questions pertain to the application process only.*