

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE POSITION

The following is a list of the applicants for the position of Tenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Larry Helms from the Circuit Court. Names of the applicants are listed in alphabetical order.

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| 1. Victoria J. Avalon
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida | 7. Honorable Kevin Kohl
County Court Judge
Bartow, Florida |
| 2. Lakeisha Babers
Attorney
Winter Haven, Florida | 8. Adam Patton
Attorney
Lakeland, Florida |
| 3. G. Cory Chastang
Attorney
Bartow, Florida | 9. Honorable Brandon Rafool
County Court Judge
Bartow, Florida |
| 4. Allison Fox
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida | 10. Jennifer Steimle
Child Support Hearing Officer
Bartow, Florida |
| 5. Anne Gibson
Attorney
Bartow, Florida | 11. John Waters
Attorney
Lakeland, Florida |
| 6. Ruth Knight
Assistant Public Defender
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida | 12. Tara Wheat
Assistant Public Defender
Bartow, Florida |

13. Rachelle Williamson
Assistant State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida

Interviews will be conducted by the Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission on April 13, 2023, in-person, at Peterson & Myers, P.A., 225 East Lemon Street, Lakeland Florida 33801. Interviews will commence at approximately 9:00 a.m. on April 13, 2023, and will continue throughout the day.

Commission Members are: Julie Landrigan Ball, Walter E. Engle, III, Krista Mahalak, Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Frederick Murphy, Jr., Robert S. Swaine, Lydia Zbrzezny, and Nicholas T. Zbrzezny.

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