

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission- Supreme Court

Dear Governor DeSantis:

As you are aware, the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (“JNC”), recently convened for the purposes of soliciting applications for the Supreme Court vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Ricky Polston. On March 27, 2023, a request for applications was published on the Florida Bar website, among other venues. The notice was also emailed to all members of the Florida Bar. Subsequent to that, additional notices were posted on the Florida Bar website and emailed to all members of the Florida Bar. The JNC interviewed 15 applicants on May 3, 2023. We are hereby forwarding you the names of the following applicants for the Supreme Court vacancy for your consideration:

Michael Thomas McHugh
Joshua Aaron Mize
Thomas Nelson Palermo
Meredith L Sasso
Jared Edward Smith
John K. Stargel

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



Fred E. Karlinsky
Chair, Florida Supreme Court
Judicial Nominating Commission

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